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NEW HF BBS FOR OSCAR INFO

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SILVER SPRING, MD FEBUARY 19, 1994
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT
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New HF Packet Radio BBS Carrying AMSAT Info

WT0N-3 St. Paul, Minnesota will carry all AMSAT bulletins and Keps as well as other satellite related items such as "SPACENEWS." The station will be on 10.127 LSB (30M) Monday through Saturday from 16:00 UTC until 23:OO UTC Monday through Saturday. The PBBS uses 300 baud HF Packet, but will also be available for AMTOR and/or PACTOR. The PACTOR schedule, as of 2/19/94 is 23:30 to 04:00 UTC. At this time, the PBBS is set up as an experiment and any comments and suggestions should be sent to the SYSOP, B.J. Arts (WT0N), at one of the following:

PACKET:WT0N@WB0GDB.#STP.MN.USA.NOAM
INTERNET:BJARTS@STTHOMAS.EDU

[The AMSAT News Service (ANS) would like to thank B.J. Arts (WT0N) for this information.]

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AO-13 OPERATIONS NET SCHEDS

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Current AMSAT Operations Net Schedule For AO-13

AMSAT Operations Nets are planned for the following times. Mode-B Nets are conducted on AO-13 on a downlink frequency of 145.950 MHz. If, at the start of the OPS Net, the frequency of 145.950 MHz is being used for a QSO, OPS Net enthusiasts are asked to move to the alternate frequency of 145.955 MHz.

Date	UTC	Mode	Phs	NCS	Alt NCS
28-Feb-94	0430	B	068	WB6LLO	W9ODI

Any stations with information on current events would be most welcomed. Also, those interested in discussing technical issues or who have questions about any particular aspect of OSCAR statellite operations, are encouraged to join the OPS Nets. If neither of the Net Control Stations show up, any participant is invited to act as the NCS.

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WEEKLY OSCAR STATUS REPORTS

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Weekly OSCAR Status Reports: 19-FEB-94

AO-13: Current Transponder Operating Schedule:
L QST *** AO-13 TRANSPONDER SCHEDULE *** 1994 Jan 31-Apr 04
Mode-B : MA 0 to MA 90 |
Mode-BS : MA 90 to MA 120 |
Mode-S : MA 120 to MA 145 |<- S transponder; B trsp. is OFF
Mode-S : MA 145 to MA 150 |<- S beacon only
Mode-BS : MA 150 to MA 180 | Blon/Blat 180/0
Mode-B : MA 180 to MA 256 |
Omnis : MA 230 to MA 30 | Move to attitude 240/0, Apr 04
[G3RUH/DB2OS/VK5AGR]

FO-20: The FO-20 command station announced that a slight mulfunctioning in the onboard command system had been detected. So, the analog mode operations arranged from 9th of Feb. will be performed on schedule, but there is a possibility of interruption due to commading. The present schedule is as same announced before.
ANALOG MODE:
23-FEB-94 8:05 -TO- 02-MAR-94 6:40 UTC
09-MAR-94 7:05 -TO- 16-MAR-94 7:30 UTC
23-MAR-94 7:52 -TO- 30-MAR-94 8:15 UTC
DIGITAL MODE: Unless otherwise noted above.
[Kazu Sakamoto (JJ1WTK) qga02014@niftyserve.or.jp]

AO-16: Operating normally. Experimenter's Day with S-Band transmitter on will be run on 02/23/94 03:45 UTC to 02/24/94 03:15 UTC. Whole Orbit Data (WOD) collections each month by week are: 1) Solar Array Currents, 2) Temperatures 3) Power/Bus Voltages 4) Various telemetry parameters to be determined by the Command Team. [WH6I & WJ9F]

LO-19: Operating normally. [WH6I]

KO-23: Up and running. [WH6I]

KO-25: BBS up and running. [WH6I]

POSAT: Definitely seems to be turned off on the amateur frequencies. [WH6I]

IO-26: Is back up and running (1200 baud) and seeing a lot of use. [WH6I]

AO-21: LW2DTZ reports that the RUDAK-II beacon was sending the following information: RUDAK2>BEACON:RUDAK-II Schedule: (down 145.987 MHz, up 435.016) min/10 Beacon Mode
0..4 FM Repeater
5..7 WEFAX Picture
8..9 AFSK TLM

LW2DTZ further notes that AO-21 is very active with hams from south of Brazil using this crossband repeater. [LW2DTZ]

MIR: MIR is working normally in 145.550 MHz. R0MIR and R0MIR-1 Personal Messaging System (PMS) are active on all the orbits. [LW2DTZ]

RS-10: ZS6AOP reports that RS-10 is still operating normally at his QTH. He notes that there are a handful of regular stations keeping the contacts going but recently he has experienced a quiet spell, only hearing himself. ZS6AOP wonders what the preferred mode of operation is over Europe and the USA? Do any stations use CW? The

only times has heard CW over Southern Africa is for tuning and spotting one's own signal. [ZS6AOP]

UO-11: ZS6AOP has been monitoring this satellite at regular intervals. It is his observation that the signals are weaker today than before the on-board computer "crash" several months ago. [ZS6AOP]

The AMSAT NEWS Service (ANS) is looking for volunteers to contribute weekly OSCAR status reports. If you have a favorite OSCAR which you work on a regular basis and would like to contribute to this bulletin, please send your observations to WD0HHU at his CompuServe address of 70524,2272, on INTERNET at wd0hhu@amsat.org, or to his local packet BBS in the Denver, CO area, WD0HHU @ W0LJF.#NECO.CO.USA.NOAM. Also, if you find that the current set of orbital elements are not generating the correct AOS/LOS times at your QTH, PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION AS WELL. The information you provide will be of value to all OSCAR enthusiasts.

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